

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF

LLOYD HARBOR

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y.

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

VIA: FCC Web Portal

Re: WT Docket No.: 16-421 - In the Matter of Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Siting Policies

Dear Commission Members:

This letter is in response to the allegations made by Crown Castle International Corp, at page 10 of their comment submission dated March 8, 2017, and is the Village's objection to the proposed amendments to the federal regulations to reduce the Village's authority to reasonably regulate small cell infrastructure locally.

Lloyd Harbor is an incorporated Village located on the North Shore of Long Island in Suffolk County. It is comprised principally of two residential zoning districts; 2 and 4 acre zoning with no commercial properties. Geographically, the Village is comprised of two parts: the southerly mainland, and a northerly lobe which is connected to the mainland by a narrow strip of land and a causeway. The southerly portion of the Village is more densely populated than the northern lobe, despite similar zoning. This is principally due to the existence of an approximate 1,500 acre New York State Park known as Caumsett State Historic Park on the northern portion of the Village.

Crown Castle applied to the Village of Lloyd Harbor to install their small cell antennae in only the southerly portion of the Village. The Village is greatly in favor of the improved service these small cell antennae would provide because there are many "dead-spots" throughout the Village. This installation would vastly improve cellular service in the Village, especially along the roadway. But the Village is desirous of having that improved service provided to all of its residents.

When requested by the Village to also install the small cell antennae in the northerly part of the Village, Crown Castle refused. We can only assume that the economics of the lower residential density in that portion of the Village influenced Crown Castle's decision.

The Village Board of Trustees represents all of its Village residents. The cellular providers

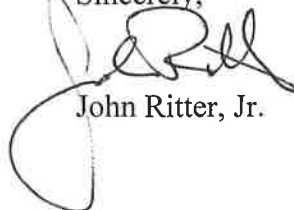
receive protection through federal laws and, we respectfully submit, these providers have concomitant obligations to provide reliable service to all residents in exchange for those federal protections. Query: how can the local Village Board of Trustees justify considering an application that forecloses half of its residents from improved cellular service based on what appears to be a simple economic decision made by a provider?

Rather than being obstructionists, as implied by Crown Castle, the Village is a proponent of the technology, equipment and services that Crown Castle provides. The Village only requests that the service be provided to all of its residents, and not only a portion based on economics; there is no argument that the installation cannot be physically completed throughout the entire Village.

For these reason, we do not agree that the Federal Communications Commission should limit local review and control of small cell cellular facilities when the existing coverage area and ability to adequately provide services is best known by local officials. Broad nationwide rules are never as efficient as reasonable local control, and local control is the only meaningful method for balancing the providers specific concerns against a specific Village's need for the service.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call or write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ritter, Jr.", with a large, stylized initial "J" and "R".

John Ritter, Jr.

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cc: Mayor and Board of Trustees
Village Clerk

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